

House Resolution 1742

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Porter of the 143rd, Martin of the 47th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the University of Georgia Gym Dogs Gymnastics Team on winning the 2007
2 NCAA National Championship and inviting them to appear before the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 2007, the University of Georgia Gym Dogs Gymnastics Team won its eighth
5 NCAA National Championship, marking the first time a team has accomplished a threepeat
6 at the women's gymnastics championships since Utah won five straight from 1982 through
7 1986; and

8 WHEREAS, the Gym Dogs team score of 197.85 in the Super Six Finals was their highest
9 since winning the 1993 championship with a score of 198.0, and they won 15 All-American
10 honors during the championship weekend, with sophomore Courtney Kupets leading the way
11 with five first-team awards; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Kupets, the winner of national titles in the All-Around and Vault is the first
13 gymnast to win back-to-back, all-around championships since Georgia's Kim Arnold in
14 1997-98; she was also last year's NCAA Beam and Bars champion and now has five NCAA
15 titles to her name, moving her into a tie for second place all-time with the most individual
16 titles in a career for any gymnast; and

17 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the year, nine Gym Dogs had All-America honors to their
18 resume, with Ms. Kupets leading with ten, followed by Katie Heenan with nine, Tiffany
19 Tolnay with eight, Kelsey Ericksen with eight, Ashley Kupets with five, and Nikki Childs
20 with four; and

21 WHEREAS, also earning All-America awards for the first time in their careers in 2007 were
22 Grace Taylor with two and Megan Dowlen and Marcia Newby with one each; and

1 WHEREAS, junior Katie Heenan was named the Southeastern Conference Gymnast of the
2 Year and shared the SEC Championship All-Around crown with Courtney Kupets; and

3 WHEREAS, the team added two perfect 10.0s to its record book with Ms. Kupets carrying
4 a perfect score on the Uneven Bars during a home victory over Alabama and her sister
5 Ashley Kupets scoring a 10.0 on Vault in her last competition at home; and

6 WHEREAS, the Gym Dogs have established and maintained a proud tradition of excellence
7 with equal emphases on character and academics, and their phenomenal performance is a
8 clear indication of their outstanding athletic ability, their dedication and hard work, and the
9 unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the team under the astute direction of Head
10 Coach Suzanne Yoculan.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 the members of this body commend the University of Georgia Gymnastics Team and Head
13 Coach Suzanne Yoculan for their unparalleled achievements, extend sincerest best wishes
14 for their continued success, and invite them to appear before this body at a date and time
15 designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the purposes of being
16 recognized by the House of Representatives and receiving an appropriate copy of this
17 resolution.